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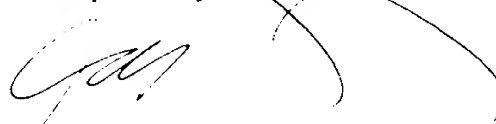
With entry of the amendment, claims 32-39 and 41 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-31 and 40 have been cancelled without prejudice to filing a continuation application thereon. Claims 37 and 39 were amended to correct typographical errors to reflect the proper dependency. New claim 41 is similar to claim 32, except for the omission of the drying step (e) of claim 32, which is not absolutely required (page 9, lines 5-7). The amendments add no new matter and do not necessitate an additional search.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 32-39 are allowed. Claims 8 and 19-31 had been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention, and claims 1-7, 9-18, and 40 were rejected under 102(b) and/or 103(a). Applicants do not acquiesce in the rejection of the claims, but in order to advance prosecution on the merits of the application, Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims, thereby rendering moot the rejection of the non-allowed claims.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that the presently pending claims 32-39 and 41 are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit notification to that effect. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience should any issues remain with respect to the Application.

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